

# WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

## COMMITTEE MINUTES 14th September 2022

**Present:** ML (Chair), TC (Secretary), DM, PL, KD, PJ (Match Secretary), MM, NB

### **Apologies:**

GD (Treasurer), GK (Captain), SP Lady Captain), PL, JP

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th August were approved as a true record.

### **Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere:**

1. No progress on finding an alternative supplier for branded clothing.
2. PJ aiming to get honours boards completed including 2022 winners by the start of next season.
3. No further communications re behaviour by ACGC so assumed matter is now closed.
4. No information on progress with the purchase of the greens iron but noted that the Greenkeeper has one coming for a trial.

### **Correspondence:**

1. Members were advised of the action taken following the formal complaint from a staff member. This matter is now closed.
2. Email from a group of walkers praising the friendliness of the Club when they had dropped in for refreshments.

### **Incorporation and lease**

The solicitor had perused the proposed constitution and rules and made a couple of comments that had now been incorporated. The EGM had voted unanimously to move to a full vote of the membership. Agreed we would start with an e-vote (Secretary to arrange) and then follow up those who did not use their e-vote with postal communication. The Chair will move forward on appointing an accountant.

The Chair will write to the landlord to open negotiations over a new lease on 1st October..

### **Membership and Finance:**

No financial update in the absence of the Treasurer. But he had sent some brief figures. These showed that income for the month of August amounted to £5850 (membership £2653; green fees £3197). Expenditure of £5344 including £1316 for purchase of fuel.

Current account bank balance at the end August was £3062. On 1 October 2021 it was £8042. This suggests that at the end of the planned 15 month FY the Club will have made a loss of ca£5,000 which, bearing in mind the unplanned expenditure of £14,000 from the current account on the fairway cutter and £5,000 on the 'cushman' would suggest a good outturn.

**Greens Matters:**

DM took members through the previously circulated Greens Committee report. Key matters are

- A move to the winter course on Monday 17th October
- Proposed winter work of renovating bunkers, gorse cut-back, farway raking, Killie bridge works and general refurbishment of all OoB posts etc.

**Handicaps/Competitions:**

The Turkey Trot series will start on Saturday 23rd October over the winter course. He will publish a winter competition programme.

**Captain's Matters:**

No matter

**Ladies' matters:**

Requested that the membership form be amended to make clear the process for ladies lockers.

The Secretary reported that the new ladies' winter course has been rated and approved by EG. DC is designing a new winter card that will incorporate both the men's and ladies' winter courses. An initial run of 5,000. As soon as available the ladies will use these. The men will continue to use the existing card until the stock is exhausted and then start with the new card.

**Juniors' Matters:**

None

**Seniors' Matters:**

Noted that the seniors section had organised itself and now has a 2023 Captain and committee. Agreed that the seniors Captain be co-opted onto the committee when he takes up office in April 2023.

**Personnel:**

No matters

**House/Social Matters:**

KD took members through the previously circulated minutes of the House Committee. Key matter is the future running of the bar/catering service. The proposed role of PJ in this was explained and agreed. A review in three months to assess how well it is working.

It was agreed that house staff need to have proper contracts of employment and that the appropriate time for these is when the Club incorporates.

**Health and Safety:**

Following the incident at the ladies outing when two had been called up to carry out CPR on a Tynemouth member it was agreed that a first aid course might be useful. GK to be approached about this. The Secretary confirmed that he periodically checks the defibrillator to ensure the battery is still OK.

**Marketing:**

The Secretary gave a brief report on the results of the Members Survey. He is meeting with the rep from EG tomorrow and after that there will be

- A summary report to members
- A detailed report to the committee

**AoB:**

1. Agreed it would be a good idea to have some form of new members evening. The Secretary will finalise a date and details.

**Date of Next Meeting: 12th October 7.00 p.m.**